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1. GOC ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT HEADLINED IN ALL SANTIAGO NEWSPAPERS NOVEMBER 5 WHICH CHARGED THAT SEVERAL PRIESTS AND NUNS, INCLUDING SEVERAL U.S. CITIZENS, AIDED AND SHELTERED MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) FUGITIVES. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FULL STORY APPEARING IN "EL MERCURIO," INCLUDING TEXT OF GOC ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
GOVERNMENT DENOUNCES:
PRIESTS HID FUGITIVE MIRISTAS
#THIRD-RANKING LEADER OF MIR CAPTURED.
#NELSON GUTIERREZ ESCAPES WOUNDED. HE WAS ASSISTED BY BRITISH WOMAN DOCTOR WHO IS UNDER ARREST.
#PRIEST FERNANDO SALAS, FROM THE PEACE COMMITTEE, IS FUGITIVE.

CHILEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN PRIESTS APPEAR SERIOUSLY INVOLVED IN THE AIDING AND HIDING OF TOP MIR LEADERS. THIS INFORMATION WAS DIVULGED LAST NIGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT WHICH ANNOUNCES THE CAPTURE OF MARTIN HUMBERTO HERNANDEZ VASQUEZ, THIRD IN THE HIERARCHY OF THE OUTLAWED EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION.
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THE STATEMENT ADDS THAT A BRITISH DOCTOR CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS. FATHER FERNANDO SALAS, FROM THE PEACE COMMITTEE, HAS ESCAPED AND HE HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF CONCEALING THE MIRISTAS ANDRES PASCAL ALLENDE, NELSON GUTIERREZ, MARIE ELENA BACHMAN (GUTIERREZ'S GIRLFRIEND) AND MARIE ANNE BEAUSIRE. FATHER RAFAEL MAROTTO, WHO WAS THE EPISCOPAL VICAR OF THE CENTRAL ZONE OF SANTIAGO, IS UNDER ARREST.

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE SECURITY FORCES CULMINATED LAST WEEK-END WITH A SKIRMISH IN THE COLUMBAN FATHERS REST HOME, 350 LARRAIN GANDARILLAS STREET, WHERE THE DOCTOR WHO GAVE ASYLUM TO NELSON GUTIERREZ WAS HIDING.

IT IS ALSO EVIDENT THAT THE NOTRE DAME CONVENT, 1128 PADRE ORELLANA STREET, WAS ANOTHER EXTREMIST REFUGE.

THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, DISTRIBUTED BY THE GOC INFORMATION OFFICE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

"AS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE EVENTS OF A FEW DAYS AGO AT SANTA EUGENIA FARM NEAR MALLOCO, IN WHICH SOME PRIESTS APPEAR INVOLVED, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, GENERAL RAUL BENAVIDES, AND THE CARDINAL, ARCHBISHOP OF SANTIAGO, MONSIGNOR RAUL SILVA HENRIQUEZ, AGREED TODAY (NOVEMBER 4) TO KEEP THESE MATTERS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING THIS CASE HAD BEEN COMPLETED. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE THIS SILENCE WAS BROKEN BY DISTORTED INFORMATION WHICH WAS SPREAD IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, THE GOVERNMENT SEES THE NEED OF MAKING PUBLIC A TRUE AND DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE FACTS.

" AS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT DR. SHEILA CASSADY, A BRITISH NATIONAL, AIDED NELSON GUTIERREZ, A FUGITIVE WHO WAS WOUNDED BY TWO SHOTS IN ONE LEG DURING THE CONFRONTATION WHICH TOOK PLACE AT SANTA EUGENIA, MALLOCO. THE DOCTOR ATTENDED THE FUGITIVESAT THE NOTRE DAME CONVENT, 1128 PADRE ORELLANA STREET IN SANTIAGO, WHERE HE WAS TAKEN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BY FATHER FERNANDO SALAS OF THE PRO-PEACE COMMITTEE AND BY THE NUN HELEN NELSON, A U.S. NATIONAL, WHO BELONGS TO THAT ORDER.

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" IN THE CONVENT, IN ADDITION TO THE WOUNDED NELSON GUTIERREZ, WAS MARIA ELENA BACHMAN, THE EXTREMIST'S GIRLFRIEND, ANDRES PASCAL ALLENDE AND MARIE ANNE BEAUSIRE. NELSON GUTIERREZ WAS GIVEN MEDICAL ATTENTION IN THAT CONVENT FROM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, UNTIL OCTOBER 24.

"OTHER NUNS OF THE NOTRE DAME ORDER WHO COLLABORATED IN THESE ACTIVITIES WERE PABLA (SIC) ARMSTRONG AND PEGGY LEPSIG (SIC),

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BOTH OF THE MARYKNOLL ORDER.

" A RED VOLKSWAGEN, WHICH THESE EXTREMISTS STOLE FROM A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL WHOM THEY ASSAULTED ON THE ROAD TO VALPARAISO, WAS ABANDONED THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, ON A STREET IN THE UPTOWN DISTRICT BY FATHER FERNANDO SALAS OF THE PRO-PEACE COMMITTEE.

" AS A CONDITION FOR THEIR BEING CONCEALED IN THE NOTRE DAME CONVENT THE EXTREMISTS HAD TO GIVE UP THE TWO AKA AUTOMATIC WEAPONS THEY CARRIED. THESE WEAPONS WERE ABANDONED IN THE UPTOWN DISTRICT BY FATHER FERNANDO SALAS AND GERARDO WHEELAN. THE LATTER, OF THE HOLY CROSS-NOTRE DAME ORDER, LATER HID HIMSELF IN THE HOUSE OF FATHER JOHN DEVLIN, AN AMERICAN AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE HOLY CROSS ORDER. THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THE FUGITIVE PASCAL ALLENDE ARE UNKNOWN.

" AS FOR NELSON GUTIERREZ AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, DUE TO THE POOR CONDITION OF THE WOUNDS IN HIS LEG, HE WAS ALSO TRANSPORTED BY FATHER GERARDO WHEELAN IN THE WHITE PEUGEOT BELONGING TO THE NOTRE DAME ORDER.

"THIS TRANSPORTING WAS DECIDED AT AA MEETING HELD AT THE CIDE ATTENDED BY FATHERS FERNANDO SALAS, GERARDO WHEELAN DND PATRICIO CARIOLA.

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REZ' STATE OF HEALTH PRIOR TO HIS TRANSFER
WAS REPORTED TO MONSIGGNOR ENRIQUE ALVEAR URRUTIA. THE PRESENT
WHEREABOUTS OF THESE TWO FUGITIVES ALSO REMAIN UNKNOWN.

"DR. SHEILA CASSIDY WAS ARRESTED ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1,
AT 350 LARRAIN GANDARILLAAS STREET, AT THE IRISH COLUMBAN FATHERS
REST HOME WHERE SHE TOOK SHELTER IN COMPANY WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED
PERSON WHEN IT BECAXE APPARENT THAT SHE WOULD BE ARRESTED.

"UPON REACHING THIS PLACE, PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY
SERVICES WERE GREETED BY PISTOL AND AKA SHOTS, PRESUMABLY
FIRED BY THE DOCTOR AND HER COMPANION; THE OFFICERS RETURNED THE
FIRE.

"IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FUSILLADE THE DOCTOR MANAGED TO
ESCAPE AND HIDE IN A CLOSET IN THE HOUSE, COVERING HERSELF UNDER
CLOTHING UNTIL SHE WAS DUG OUT. HER COMPANION GOT AWAY.

" IN THE FJACASSONE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES OFFICERS WAS
WOUNDED IN THE ARM WITH A .765 CALIBRE PISTOL SHOT. THE HOUSE
SERVANT WAS LIKEWISE WOUNDED BY AN AKA BULLET FIRED BY DR.
CASSIDY'S COMPANION FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE, WHEN SHE UNFORTUNATELY
GOT IN THE LINE OF FIRE. A FEW MINUTES LATER SHE DIED AT THE CENTRAL
PUBLIC EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

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" INSIDE THE HOUSE WERE FOUND THREE AKA SHELLS AND
THREE .765 CALIBRE SHELLS. WHEN THE RAID ON THE COLUMBAN FATHERS'
HOUSE WAS CARRIED OUT, THE ONLY PERSONS FOUND WERE A NUN SICK
IN BED AND A VERY OLD PRIEST WHO REMAINED ON THE UPPER FLOOR:
THESE IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONS IMPLICATED AND THE DECEASED.

" ON NOVEMBER 2, 1975, IN THE HOUSE OF FATHER GERARDO
WHEELAN, AT PONDEROSA IN LO BARNECHEA, MARTIN HUMBERTO HERNANDEZ
VASQUEZ, ALIAS JAIME OR LEONARDO, EXTREMIST BY PROFESSION AND
MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE MIR, THIRD IN COMMAND
AND RIGHTHAND MAN TO NELSON GUTIERREZ, WAS ARRESTED; HERNANDEZ
IS ANOTHER OF THE FUGITIVES WHO ESCAPED FROM THE SANTA EUGENIA
- MALLOCO AREA.

"AFTER LEAVING MALLOCO THIS INDIVIDUAL ARRIVED AT THE SAN
GERARDO PAROCHIAL HOUSE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM FATHER VICTOR
GRISLAIN, WHO TOOK HIM TO ANOTHER PRIEST OF THE WESTERN AREA
OF THE BISHOPRIC ON HIS MOTORCYCLE. HE WAS LATER TAKEN FROM THIS
PLACE BY FATHER RAFAEL MAROTTO, A WORKER PRIEST, WHO TOOK HIM
TO THE SANTO ROSA PARISH IN LO BARNECHEA WHERE FATHER FERMIN DONOSO
TOOK HIM TO GERARDO WHEELAN'S HOUSE, WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED AT 9 A.M.
ON NOVEMBER 2.

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"DURING THIS SEQUENCE OF TRANSFERS THE FUGITIVE ALSO RECEIVED AN OFFER FROM FATHER MAROTTO TO HIDE HIM IN THE LAS CONDES PARISH CHURCH, WHICH DID NOT COME TO PASS FOR REASONS NOT YET CLEARLY ESTABLISHED.

"FATHER GERARDO WHEELAN IS PRESENTLY UNDER ARREST FOR CONCEALMENT OF COMMON DELINQUENTS AGAINST WHOM WARRANTS FOR ARREST HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE SECOND MILITARY COURT (FOR THE FELONY OF SHOOTING AND WOUNDING TWO POLICEMENT AT SANTA EUGENIA, MALLOCO).

"FOR THE SAME CHARGE (OF CONCEALING COMMON DELINQUENTS) AND FOR SERVING AS LIAISON FOR THE MIR ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AS CONFESSED, FATHER RAFAEL MAROTTO, IS ALSO UNDER ARREST; FOR SIX YEARS HE HAS BEEN A PARTISAN OF THE MIR.

"FATHER MAROTTO WAS UNTIL DECEMBER, 1973, EPISCOPAL VICAR IN THE CENTRAL ZONE OF SANTIAGO, WITH OFFICES IN THE ARCHI-
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EPISCOPAL SEE.

" TO DATE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO LOCATE FATHER FERNANDO SALAS NOR THE NUNS HELEN NELSON AND PEGGY LEPSIG (SIC) WHO APPEAR TO BE EQUALLY INVOLVED IN THE CONCEALMENT OFTHE CRIMINALS PASCAL ALLENDE AND NELSON GUTIERREZ.

"MANY DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE MIR WERE FOUND IN FATHER MAROTTO'S POSSESSION. HE CARRIED AROUND HIS NECK A MEDAL ON A BLACK AND RED CORD WHICH BORE ON ONE SIDE THE LEGEND: "MIGUEL: POPULAR RESISTANCE WILL PREVAIL. UNTIL VICTORY, FOREVER. OCTOBER 5, 1975.' ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A REVOLUTIONARY SYMBOL."

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR

THE AMBASSADOR OF GREAT BRITAIN, REGINALD LOUIS SECONDE, PAID A VISIT YESTERDAY TO THE UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, COL. ENRIQUE VALDEZ PUGA, TO BE INFORMED OF THE SITUATION OF DR.

SHEILA ANN CASSIDY. THE DIPLOMAT STATED THAT THE PRISONER IS THE DAUGHTER OF A GENERAL IN THE BRITISH ARMY. SHE IS 37 YEARS OLD AND ARRIVED IN CHILE IN 1971. SHE WORKS AT POST NO. 3 (PUBLIC MEDICAL ASSISTANCE) AND HAS PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON NEXT FEBRUARY TO BECOME A NUN OF THE RELIGIOUS ORDER OF THE SACRED HEART. THE DIPLOMAT ASKED THE AUTHORITIES FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRISONER.

CARDINAL RAUL SILVA HENRIQUEZ

FOR HIS PART, CARDINAL RAUL SILVA HENRIQUEZ HELD A MEETING

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OF ALMOSTONE HOUR WITH THE MINUSTER OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL CESAR RAUL BENAVIDES, TO CONSIDER THE FACTS. THE REPORTERS COULD NOT OBTAIN STATEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. END TEXT.
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